

AAUW Northville-Novu Branch

Board of Directors Meeting

April 28, 2021

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

Present: Mary Arnold, Jane Hecker, Marcia Horngren, Mary Ann MacLaren, Carol Murchison, Joyce Murdock, Corinne Vincent, Jan Wilhelm, Rhonda York

Call to order: President Jane Hecker called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. A quorum of nine Board members was present.

Minutes: The March 23, 2021, minutes were approved as corrected and will be placed on file. A copy will be sent to Mary Ann MacLaren for the website.

Treasurer's report:

- There are no corrections to the Treasurer's report, which will be placed on file for audit.
- The Treasurer's report reflects the following balances as of 3-31-2021:
 - Checking \$7672.98
 - Savings \$6877.56
 - PayPal \$648.02
 - Total Funds \$15,198.56
 - CFSEM endowment as of 12-31-2020: \$132,713.49

President

- Jane described her role as cheerleader.
- Jane and three other branch members attended a recent AAUW Michigan meeting where AAUWNN was recognized as ranking 9th in state affiliate donations to National AAUW. Among new resolutions passed was the elimination of gender-specific language in the State bylaws. Since action taken by the State is independent of the branches, AAUWNN will not take similar action without direction from National.
- Jane noted that the State website has both their Annual Report and the webinar discussion on the current National election.
- Questions/concerns related to AAUW MI statements about proposed changes in Michigan election laws should be deferred to Karen Zyczynski.

Vice President Programs

- The May 11th final general meeting/picnic was discussed in Patty Domin's absence. Preparation is continuing for the picnic. The leaves need to be swept in the picnic area, and the tables need to be arranged.
- Marcia Horngren will check with Patty about cleaning the microphone between speakers.
- Patty will need a check and tax ID from Joyce Murdock to pay Mission BBQ for the food.
- Joyce needs information from Patty in order to complete a tax exempt form for Patty to give to the caterer.
- To date, 39 attendees are confirmed.
- The first meeting of the 2021-2022 Program Committee will be June 3.

Vice President Membership/Diversity

- Corinne Vincent cancelled the 2021 Annual Potential Member Virtual Reception scheduled for April 22 due to lack of interest.
- Corinne emphasized how imperative it is to recruit new members and emphasized the need for current members to become walking/talking billboards to "sell" AAUWNN to the community.
- One free membership will be made available through a TBD drawing.
- To date, there are 40 membership renewals.

Educational Gifts and Legal Advocacy

- Marcia Horngren reported that we are sponsoring the attendance of four Schoolcraft College students at NCCWSL.
- The 2021 scholarship recipients are:
 - Elizabeth (Ellie) White, Northville High School
 - Hillary Luan, Northville High School
 - Yoonseo (Kate) Lee, Novi High School
 - Kyla Matthews, Novi High School

Financial Development

- Mary Ann MacLaren said the 45th anniversary challenge has elicited pledges of \$8394.81.
- Another blast will go out on May 1 that includes a plan to announce victory at the picnic on May 11, i.e., reaching our goal of \$11,000. It was suggested that a visual showing what's been pledged versus the goal accompany the blast.
- Jane will initiate the calling chain in an attempt to increase the number of pledges, combining this with the following messages: reminder of May 11th picnic, free membership drawing, national election.

Communication

- Mary Ann MacLaren asked that May newsletter items be submitted by April 29.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

- Jan Wilhelm reminded everyone to vote in the National election.

Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

Submitted by Mary Arnold, Secretary